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(b) & (c) No. The restrictions have been in force since 1896 and were designed to ensure that the trees, timber and other forest produce should be used only for *bona fide* agricultural or domestic purposes.

Restrictions on the privilege of taking timber from kumki lands in South Kanara.

*23 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that ryots in South Kanara are not allowed now to remove timber trees free of seigniorage from their kumki land in one village for their own use in another village;

(b) if so, since when this restriction has been put upon the holders of kumki; and

(c) whether the Government propose to restore to ryots the rights once enjoyed by them in this matter?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 22.

Settlement

Conversion of single-crop into double-crop wet lands in the South Kanara district.

*24 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of single-crop wet lands converted into double-crop wet lands in the South Kanara district since the last settlement; and

(b) the extent of dry lands converted into wet or garden lands in the South Kanara district since the last settlement?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government will call for this information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I think, Sir, that some information will be included in the scheme report of the settlement officer and complete information will appear in the settlement report; and in these circumstances it does not seem to be necessary to call for the information earlier."

Staff Selection Board

Number and cost of meetings of the Staff Selection Board.

*25 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of meetings held by the Staff Selection Board, the days they sat and the work transacted by them in the past two years;

(b) who were the members of the Board during the said period; and

(c) what has been the total cost for the meetings of the Board in the same period?